

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim Amendment Summary

Claims pending

Before this Amendment: Claims 47-49 and 51-54.

After this Amendment: Claims 47-49 and 51-54.

Non-Elected, Canceled, or Withdrawn claims: None.

Amended claims: Claim 47, 49, 51 and 54.

New claims: None.

Claims:

1. – 46. (Canceled)

47. (Currently Amended) A user interface unit comprising:

a processor;

an electronic programming guide (EPG) executing on the processor

to:

organize programming information, including correlating Internet universal resource locators (URLs) with particular programs in the EPG, the URLs identifying target resources that contain supplemental information related to the particular programs; and

enable a user of the user interface to enter additional URLs identifying target resources that contain supplemental information related to the particular program, wherein the user associates the user entered additional URLs identifying target resources with a particular program or channel in the EPG; and

the processor being programmed to search the EPG and identify the particular programs having correlated URLs as interactive programs.

48. (Original) A user interface unit as recited in claim 47, further comprising a visual display, the processor being programmed to compile a list of

the interactive programs and present the list of interactive programs on the visual display.

49. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable medium encoded with computer-executable instructions configured for:

designating data fields in an electronic programming guide (EPG) to hold programming information;

dedicating one of the data fields as a supplemental content field;

entering a target specification into the supplemental content field to correlate supplemental content with a program, the target specification identifying a location for the supplemental content, wherein the entering a target specification into the supplemental content field comprises receiving the target specification from a viewer accessing an EPG user interface (UI) supported by the EPG;

associating, by the viewer, the target specification identifying a location for the supplemental content with a particular program or channel in the EPG;

compiling a list of interactive programs, wherein each interactive program in the list is a program having an associated target specification; and

presenting the list of interactive programs through the EPG user interface (UI) supported by the EPG.

50. (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable medium encoded with computer-executable instructions as recited in claim [[50]] 49, further comprising computer-executable instructions configured for:

receiving multiple target specifications for a program; and
prioritizing the multiple target specifications according to viewer preferences.

52. (Previously Presented) A tangible computer-readable medium encoded with computer-executable instructions as recited in claim 49, wherein the compiling comprises searching the EPG for interactive programs.

53. (Previously Presented) A tangible computer-readable medium encoded with computer-executable instructions as recited in claim 49, wherein the target specification is selected from the group comprising:

a memory pointer;
a hyperlink; and
a universal resource locator (URL).

54. (Currently Amended) In a system having an electronic programming guide (EPG), a method comprising:

correlating user entered hyperlinks with corresponding programming information in the EPG, wherein the user enters the hyperlinks through an EPG user interface (UI) supported by the EPG and associates the hyperlink with a particular program or channel in the EPG; and

searching the EPG to identify interactive programs within the programming information that have correlated hyperlinks.